

**MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**OF THE**  
**EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**  
**July 7, 2014**

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on July 7, 2014 in the Board Room of the Employees' Retirement System, 50 Service Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island.

The following Committee members were present: William Finelli; Michael Boyce; Daniel Beardsley; Peter Dennehy and Melissa Malone.

Also in attendance were: Michael Robinson, General Counsel; Dr. Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor; Gayle Mambro-Martin and Frank Karpinski, Employees' Retirement System.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Recognizing a quorum, Chairperson William Finelli called the meeting to order at 9:06 A.M.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA**

A draft of the June 4, 2014 meeting minutes were mailed to the Committee members for review, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Ms. Malone, it was:

**VOTED**                      To approve the meeting minutes of June 4, 2014.

**HEARING – ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY**

<b>Regina Socree</b>	Community Living Aide, Department of BHDDH. (Estimated service credits 7 years, 1 month)
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After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

**VOTED:** To reaffirm the decision of January 8, 2014  
**denying** Ms. Socree's' application for an accidental  
disability pension

**ACCIDENTAL MATTER PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED**

**Jennifer Leyden** Teacher, Providence School Department.  
(Estimated service credits 12 years, 9 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board  
**Postpone** a decision on Ms. Leyden's application  
for an accidental disability pension. Mr. Boyce  
voted Nay.

**ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY**

**Michael Stevens** EMS Lieutenant, Central Coventry Fire District.  
(Estimated service credits 10 years, 8 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board  
**Postpone** a decision on Mr. Stevens' application  
for an accidental disability pension

**Suzanne Leclair** Community Living Aide, BHDDH-RICLAS.  
(Estimated service credits 6 years, 2 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board  
**Postpone** a decision on Ms. Leclair's application  
for an accidental disability pension.

**Jennifer Palumbo** Teacher, East Providence School Department.  
(Estimated service credits 10 years)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dennehy and seconded by Ms. Malone:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** Ms. Palumbo's application for an accidental disability pension.

**Stephen Costa** Water Utility Mechanic, City of East Providence.  
(Estimated service credits 15 years, 5 months, 15 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Costa's application for an accidental disability retirement. Ms. Malone voted Nay.

**Donna Washington** Community Living Aide, BHDDH-RICLAS.  
(Estimated service credits 20 years)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Washington's application for an accidental disability retirement pursuant to Rhode Island General Law § 36-10-15 (b) for 50 % of her compensation at the time of her retirement. Ms. Malone voted Nay.

**Richard Depari** Laborer, Town of Johnston. (Estimated service credits 10 years, 4 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Ms. Malone:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** Depari's application for an accidental disability pension.

## **ORDINARY DISABILITY**

**Maryann Amaral**

Teacher, East Providence School Department.  
(Estimated service credits 15 years.)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dennehy and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a decision on Ms. Amaral's application for an ordinary disability pension.

**Debra Beattie**

Teacher, Warwick School Department. (Estimated service credits 24 years, 6 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Beattie's application for an ordinary disability retirement.

**James Smithers**

Teacher, Westerly Public Schools. (Estimated service credits 16 years)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Smithers' application for an ordinary disability retirement.

**Elizabeth Digorgio**

Data Control Clerk, Office of Health and Human Services. (Estimated service credits 9 years, 11 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Digorgio's application for an ordinary disability retirement.

**DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Boyce it was unanimously:

**VOTED**

To adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle C. Mambro-Martin, Esq.  
GCM: gsb

August 1, 2014